

**“Into Our World”
Isaiah 59**

The Lord Jesus came into our world to reconcile humanity to God. Such reconciliation was needed because left to ourselves, humanity is hopelessly lost. So what mankind cannot effect for itself, God did by sending His Son.

1. Christ came to reconcile humanity to God

vs 1-8

a.) Our sin and iniquity separate us from God (Ps 68:18, 143:2, Prv 20:9, Ecc 7:20, Is 50:2, 64:6) What hinders redemption? The text here should read, “have been separating,” showing the continuous nature of human rebellion. Sin. It is a barrier between us and God. It reacts with the holiness of God expressed in His word condemns us (Rom 3:20, 7:7-12).

b.) Our guilt is great. We have:

- Blood on our hands (Matt 5:22 - It begins in the mind).
- Lies on our lips (Ps 14)
- Evil on our tongues. (Ps 140:3)
- Minds that are bent.
 - * Our arguments deceitful. (This refers to unrighteous pleading in court - to win without regard to what is true or right. Sound familiar?)
 - * Our deeds evil and cause pain (Jn 10:10, Rom 6:23, Gal 5:19-21)
 - * Our rationalizations useless to cover our sin and guilt. (Is 30:1, Jer 17:9-10, Zec 3:1-5)
 - * Our deeds can be evil and hurtful to others (Mk 7:21-22)
 - * Our minds lead us to ruin and disaster (Prv 14:12, Is 57:21)
 - * We do not foster peace or justice, but reap the fruit of our rebellion (Gal 6:7-8)

2. We were under condemnation

vs 9-15a

a. Justice and righteousness are alien to our nature (Is 64:6)

b. We long for light but grope along in darkness. (Jn 3:19)

c. We long for redemption (Mtt 5:3-12)

- Burdened by sin and guilt. (Burdened by sin and discontent) - Ps 32
- Seek justice, righteousness and truth (apart from God) in vain.
- Good people suffer.

3. God intervened

vs 15b-21

a. He and He alone wrought salvation. (Jn 14:6)

b. He accomplished redemption unaided - He and He alone. (Heb 1:1-3)

c. His own righteousness sustained Him. (Is 63:5)

- Righteousness, salvation and vengeance accomplished salvation. (Rom 3:25-26)
- He will come to Zion.
- He will establish His covenant with those in Jacob who repent (By grace through faith we are included!).